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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Moran-Moore House

Other name/site number: Site No. 845

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 501 North Walnut

Not for publication: N/A

City/town: Wharton

State: TX *County:* Wharton

Code: 481 *Zip Code:* 77488

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property: *Contributing* *Noncontributing*

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| <u> 1 </u> | <u> 0 </u> <i>buildings</i> |
| <u> 0 </u> | <u> 0 </u> <i>sites</i> |
| <u> 0 </u> | <u> 0 </u> <i>structures</i> |
| <u> 0 </u> | <u> 0 </u> <i>objects</i> |
| <u> 1 </u> | <u> 0 </u> <i>Total</i> |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

4. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

 See continuation sheet.

Curtis Funnell
Signature of certifying official

27 Jan. 1993
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

 See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that this property is:

 entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

Entered in the
National Register

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3/18/93

 determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.

 determined not eligible for the
National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain): _____

for
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN
MOVEMENTS: Bungalow

Materials: foundation Brick
walls Wood
roof Asphalt
other Brick

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

 x See continuation sheet.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other
properties:* locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1915

Significant Dates: ca. 1915

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

*State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and
periods of significance noted above.*

 x See continuation sheet.

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Moran-Moore House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Moran-Moore House is a 1-1/2 story frame bungalow dwelling with weatherboard siding facing east on 501 North Walnut. A cross-gabled, asphalt shingle roof covers the dwelling. The roof extends to cover a 1-bay front porch on the principal (east) facade. The porch extends across the principal (east) facade and is supported by paired box columns resting on brick piers. A distinctive balustrade with square balusters connects the piers. A single-door front entrance with pediment is flanked by paired windows.

The Moran-Moore House is a 1-1/2-story bungalow facing east on 501 North Walnut. It is covered by a cross-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. Deep eaves on the gabled ends are highlighted by five knee brackets. The cross-gabled ends have nice imbricated wood shingle detailing. Windows are 9/1 wooden, double hung and either pair or tripled. Nonfunctional shutters on the principal (east) facade flank each window.

The north facade features a single exterior brick chimney that rises above the cross-gabled, asphalt shingle roof. A side (north) elevation has been modified by the addition of a 4/4 wooden bay window. The rear (west) elevation has been modified by the addition of a carport and wood-frame building.

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Moran-Moore House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Moran-Moore House (ca. 1915) is an excellent example of bungalow style architecture in Wharton. Its cross-gabled roof, 1-bay porch with tapered box columns resting on brick piers, 9/1 double-hung windows, and knee brackets on the deep eaves are characteristic of this architectural style. The distinctive wood shingle detailing on the gabled ends adds to the character of the house. The house retains a high degree of integrity. It is eligible under Criterion C for architecture and is associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942*.

H.R. and Mattie Moran of Gonzales County acquired this property in 1914 for \$600. A.P. Rollins bought the property in 1919 for \$3000. The dramatic increase in the purchase price suggests that the house was built between 1914 and 1919. In 1924, Rollins and his wife Mary conveyed the house to Mrs. Willie P. Moore for \$3000.

The bungalow was the dominant architectural style for the growing middle class in Wharton during the late 1920s and 1930s. Its small size and cost of construction made the bungalow a popular choice for many young professionals across the country during the early 20th century. Many local examples in Wharton have been altered or modified through the years. However, the Moran-Moore House retains a high degree of integrity and is representative of the architectural style popular in Wharton during the early 20th Century. Its cross-gabled roof, inset porch resting on tapered box columns, and knee brackets on the eaves are characteristic of the bungalow form.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography of historic context statement.

 x See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

 previously listed in the National Register

 previously determined eligible by the National Register

 designated a National Historic Landmark

 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #

 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

 x State historic preservation office (Texas Historical Commission)

 Other state agency

 Federal agency

 Local government

 University

 Other -- Specify Repository:

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C D

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Barbee Addition, Block 11, Lot 6

Boundary Justification: The property includes all areas historically associated with the building.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (assisted by Dwayne Jones, Preservation Planner, Alan Carey, Preservation Planner Intern, THC staff)

Name/Title: Ed Galloway and Ralph Newlan

Organization: Hardy-Heck-Moore

Date: July 1989

January 1992

Street & Number: 2112 Rio Grande

Telephone: 512-478-8014

City or Town: Austin

State: TX *Zip:* 78705

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Wharton MPS

Wharton County, TEXAS

Date Listed

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| 21. House at 401 North Richmond | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 22. House at 512 North Resident | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 23. Linn Street Historic District | Substantive Review | 3/18/93 |
| 24. Merrill--Roten House | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 25. Moran--Moore House | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 26. Speaker, J. H., House | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 27. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 28. Texas and New Orleans Railroad Depot | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 29. Texas and New Orleans Railroad Bridge | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 30. West Milam Street Mercantile Historic District | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 31. Worthing, Louis F., House | Entered in the National Register | 3/18/93 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Moran--Moore House

MULTIPLE NAME: Wharton MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Wharton

DATE RECEIVED: 2/01/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/16/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/04/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/18/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000120

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/18/93 DATE **Entered in the National Register**

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



MORAN-MOORE HOUSE
SITE NO. 845
WHARTON CO., TEXAS
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500657